

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for controlling electronic parcel package compartment systems, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) determining whether a predefinable number of changes have been made to the data stored in a server; and,

(b) transmitting control commands to a parcel compartment system via an interface when a predefinable number of changes have been made to the data.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the control commands change operating parameters of the electronic parcel compartment system.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the control commands act upon an electronic control unit located in the electronic parcel compartment system to change available operating functions.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the available operating functions comprise a possibility to open parcel compartments.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the control commands change properties of a graphic user interface.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the control commands change a selection option of menu items of the graphic user interface.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting step (b) is carried out in accordance with an XML protocol.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

(c) sending to the interface a request to transmit the control commands.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising repeating the sending step (c) when an event occurs.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein sending step (c) is repeated after a predefinable time interval.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting data to the server via the parcel compartment systems.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the server converts the transmitted data into control commands for controlling the parcel compartment systems.